

## **Lieutenant Colonel Mark S. Koopman**

Born in Rapid City, South Dakota, Lieutenant Colonel Mark S. Koopman received his commission as a distinguished graduate through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Program in June 1986, after attaining a Bachelor of Science Degree in Aerospace Science degree from Central Washington University in Ellensburg Washington. He also holds a Master of Science degree in Aerospace Science from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. His professional military education includes Squadron Officer School and Air Command and Staff College, non-residence.

Lt Col Koopman began his career in 1987, when he attended Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training at Mather AFB California. Although eliminated from training following a back injury, he went on to attend the Munitions Maintenance Officer Course at Lowry AFB Colorado. After graduation in 1988, he was the Assistant AMU OIC, Maintenance Operations Officer and AMU OIC, 27th Tactical Air Support Squadron and 20th Tactical Training Squadron, 35th Fighter Wing, George AFB California. In 1992, he became the Avionics Branch Chief, Logistics Group Executive Officer and Sortie Generation Flight Commander in the 366th Logistics Group and 366th Operations Group, 366th Fighter Wing, at Mountain Home AFB Idaho. In 1998, he volunteered for the Logistics Career Broadening Officer Program to Ogden Air Logistics Center, Hill AFB Utah, where he was assigned under the Aircraft Directorate as Assistance Supervisor for C-130 Programmed Depot Maintenance, and F-16 Landing Gear Team Leader.

In 1998, he was assigned as the 2d Fighter Squadron Senior Maintenance Officer, 325th Fighter Wing, at Tyndall AFB Florida. In June 2001, he transferred to HQ Air Education and Training Command as the Propulsion Section Chief, at Randolph AFB Texas. While there, he also served as the Air Education and Training Command Maintenance Management Branch Chief. Finally, in September 2003, he became the 58 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Commander.

Lt Col Koopman wears the Master Aircraft Maintenance Badge and Air Borne Jump Wings. His military decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Air Force Commendation Award and Air Force Achievement Award. He is married to the former Gennine L. Blanc of Burbank Washington and has four children - Brandon, Corinna, Nichole, and Jarod.